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Applicant(s) : Berghof et al.
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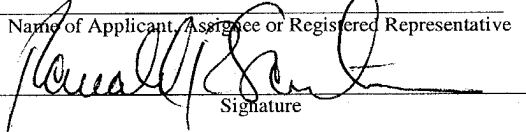
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the May 7, 2002 final Office Action, having a three month period set for reply.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a), a two month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including October 7, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$200.00 (small entity), required under 1.17(a), and any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to

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